overcrowding, proposal for 2nd phase of scheme of modernization of prisons was formulated by Ministry of Home Affairs. The proposal was, however, not approved by the Ministry of Finance due to commitment of Government of India in other important sectors. Accordingly, it was decided that the State Government may approach the Planning Commission for seeking more funds for the Modernisation of Prisons.

Damage to life and property due to naxalism

643. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the naxalism has become a big problem in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the districts affected with this problem;

(c) the details of the loss of lives and property due to naxalism during last three years; and

(d) the steps likely to be taken by Government to solve naxal problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The naxal movement, which is about 40 years old, has undergone considerable metamorphosis in 2004 with the merger of various groups and formation of CPI (Maoist). Presently, 83 districts in nine States are included under Security Related Expenditure Scheme of the Ministry for which expenditure on account of anti naxal operations are reimbursed to the States. During 2007, 2008 and 2009 (upto 31.10.2009), there have been 1405 casualties of civilians. 754 Security personnel laid down their lives. Naxals continue to target economic and social infrastructure as well as public utility buildings.

(d) The Central Government assists efforts of the State Governments to deal with naxalites in the States, These include deployment of Central paramilitary forces (CPMFs); sanction of India Reserve (IR) battalions, modernisation and upgradation of the State Police Forces and their Intelligence apparatus under the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF scheme); re-imbursement of security-related expenditure (SRE) Scheme; assistance in training of State Police through Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organisations and Bureau of Police Research and Development; sharing of Intelligence and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Central Ministries.

Detainees under POTA in various jails

644. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:
SHRI SABIR ALI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the detainees under the repealed POTA in various jails in the country who have not been chargesheeted;

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